

## OUR BLACK HAWK CO., IOWA LETTER NO. 4

WATERLOO, IOWA, APRIL 6th, 1894.

Our pastor, Brother Bashor, is still absent, and consequently we are still doing without a pastor. We have not as yet heard any thing from his meetings but hope he is succeeding far beyond the expectations of all concerned.

Easter Sunday the appointments at Waterloo and Enon were filled by Bro. E. L. Hildebrand. He also elected our Sunday school officers for the coming summer. All young members were chosen; those who have had no experience in this line of work, but who are interested and trying to do their part well. The young as well as the old have their place in Sunday school work, and as leaders some times they excel the older ones in adapting themselves to the work, and getting all interested who are in attendance.

Last Sunday, the 1st, being Brother Hildebrand's Sunday at Hudson, we had no preaching services at Enon or Waterloo. We met at Enon in the morning to complete the organization of our Sunday school by classifying and selecting teachers. After the classification selection of teachers we had a short session in order to be able to keep the connection of the lessons, and prepare ourselves for the order of work that is to follow.

We expect to have preaching services next Sunday as usual.

LIZZIE HILDEBRAND.

## A SISTER WHO WILL PRAY AND FAINT NOT.

JASPER, MO., APRIL 1, 1894.

I will employ my time this lovely Sabbath evening in writing a few thoughts for our good little paper. We have no preaching nor pastor, my little EVANGELIST is all, but it is good food for me; it comes laden with so much good news. O, I feel to rejoice to learn of so many precious souls that are coming to Christ. It strengthens me; it makes me stronger in the cause of Christ. I am glad that some have the glorious privilege of oft assembling themselves together to worship. But we can all praise his holy name whether we are gathered together or not. Oh, let us be earnest, for the time may not be long with some of us until we may have to meet God in judgment. O, I feel so sorry to learn that dear little Homer is growing worse and but little hopes of his recovery; but sometimes the doctors are mistaken. Over a year ago the doctor said that I couldn't live. I am still here, not very stout but I feel that the Lord has blessed me and I praise him for his goodness and his mercies that he has shown towards me. Bro. Bashor wrote me over a year ago that he would come to us the very first opening he had to get away; that he would write and let me know. I have been waiting with as much patience as I could, hoping and trusting. We are rather small to Philadelphia, but there are souls there that are just as

precious in the sight of God as any where. We are poor and are likely to continue so if we do not get help. Who will help us? He is the man called for by those out side of the Brethren church saying they would assist us. Our prospects were flattering then but I cannot tell how it is now. We will pray and faint not. Pray that Brethren Bashor and Bowman may do a wonderful work; they seem to be zealous workers.

I feel an attachment to our contributors; I feel an acquaintance with them. We should feel very near as we are all one in Christ. What has become of all our former contributors to the paper? Will you please lift your pen and let us know if you are still alive in the good cause and battling for the Lord? I love to learn of the young people coming into the fold. Yes, Bro. Studebaker I am glad to hear that the cause is still alive at Auburn, Ill., for that is so near my old home church. I pray for your success. Yes Homer says give one tenth that is right and what you give to the Lord will never be lost. I will ask the little readers a question. What nationality was John the Baptist?

Your sister in Christ,  
FANNIE GARST.

## MINISTERIAL MEETING—TEMPERANCE MEETING—CITY ELECTION AND BUSINESS MEETING.

BEAVER CITY, NEB., April 10, 1894.

DEAR READERS OF THE EVANGELIST:—We rejoice to hear through the columns of our paper, that many successful meetings are being held and that so many are choosing that "Good part," which shall never be taken away from them.

The ministers of the different churches for Beaver City, met March 27th, and organized a Ministerial Association. Our aims are to advance the cause of Christianity and by a united effort we oppose any evil existing among us.

We meet monthly, we also decided to hold Union Services the last Sabbath evening in each month.

As the City election was soon to be held, and the election was a very important one we were to decide for or against saloons in our town. It was a plain issue not covered or concealed by any name or party one ticket being for prohibition one other in favor of granting saloon license.

In our "Ministerial Association Meeting" we decided to hold a temperance mass meeting on Friday evening before election, the ministers were all present, and made short addresses, the meeting was also addressed by some of the best citizens of the town. Then on Sunday at our services we preached to our respective congregations upon this theme. (I will favor the EVANGELIST readers with our sermon upon that occasion, our subject being: "The snake in one bundle of sticks.")

But in the face of all our combined efforts, we elected but one man on the town board of five, the others losing by a very few votes; strange indeed what Christians (?) Men will vote to bring an evil into our city, to destroy men's soul and boys.

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